

**THE ADVOCATE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (City-Parish) will receive electronic or paper bids for the construction of the following project:

**REPLACEMENT OF THE BOB PETTIT BOULEVARD BRIDGE
OVER BAYOU FOUNTAIN
(BRIDGE RECALL NO. 610136)
CITY-PARISH PROJECT NO. 13-BR-LA-0006
OCD/DRU PROJECT ID: 17PARA2106
LMI GROUP II**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project consists of the removal of the existing bridge, construction of a concrete slab span bridge with precast concrete piles including bridge approach slabs, asphaltic concrete pavement with base, concrete channel lining, sanitary sewer manhole adjustments including gravity sewer pipe, drainage pipe and structures, and related work.

Electronic or Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, **TUESDAY, February 23, 2021**, by the Purchasing Division, Room 826, City Hall, 222 Saint Louis Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. No bids will be received after 2:00 p.m. on the same day and date.

Electronic bids and electronic bid bonds for the solicitation will be downloaded by the City-Parish, Purchasing Division. Electronic bids and electronic bid bonds must be submitted through www.bidexpress.com prior to the bidding deadline. Beginning as soon as feasible after the bid closing time all electronic bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud along with all paper bids received, if any, in Room 806 of City Hall immediately after the 2:00 p.m. bid closing. Bidders and/or their authorized representatives are invited to be present. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City-Parish no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening.

There will be not be an in-person public bid opening. Results of electronic and paper bids can be heard through participation by phone immediately after the 2:00 p.m. bid closing. Bidders and/or their authorized representatives are invited to participate by phone through use of the following call in options:

**+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll
Access code: 263 373 080 (followed by the # button)**

Alternate numbers to call if number above is not available, which may occur due to network traffic (use the same Access Code, followed by the # button): Toll (Boston) +1-617-315-0704; Toll (Chicago) +1-312-535-8110 ; Toll (Dallas) +1-469-210-7159; Toll (Denver) +1-720-650-7664; Toll (Jacksonville) +1-904-900-2303; Toll (Los Angeles) +1-213-306-3065.

Bids, amendments to bids, or request for withdrawal of quotations, received after time specified for bid opening shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever. Bid results can be viewed at the link below:
<http://www.brgov.com/dept/purchase/bidresults.asp>

Bids shall be firm for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening of bids and no bid shall be withdrawn for any reason during this period of time except as allowed per R.S. 38:2214.C.

Electronic copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com. Paper copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and may be obtained from the Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, Room 137, Public Works and Planning Center at 1100 Laurel Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana or Post Office Box 1471, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, upon payment of **\$40.00** Dollars.

(Make checks payable to the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge.) Fees for plans, specifications and contract documents are to cover the cost of reproduction and are non-refundable in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes.

A Certified Check or Cashier's Check, payable to the Parish of East Baton Rouge or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid, shall be submitted with each bid. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Circular 570.

Bids shall be received electronically via www.bidexpress.com or on solicitation bid forms furnished by the City-Parish, and only those bids shall be received by the City-Parish which are submitted by those Contractors in whose names the **solicitation bid** forms and/or specifications were issued. In no event shall **paper solicitation** forms be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

The Bidder is advised that the City-Parish is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Therefore the Bidder is encouraged to utilize minority participation in this contract to the extent possible through the use of small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses as suppliers or subcontractors. A single goal for minorities and a separate single goal for women has been established for this contract. The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work for this contract is as follows:

Goals for minority participation:	<u>26.1%</u>
Goals for female participation:	<u>6.9%</u>

Funding for this project is being provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Contractor will be required to complete all forms and certifications contained in Part 1A prior to bid opening and all other required federal provisions as attached with the contract the documents. Copies of all forms are included in the Contract Documents and Contractor is required to conform to all payroll reporting requirements as established under the Federal Labor Standards.

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract (Davis-Bacon Act), Section 3 (Low Income Resident Participation) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Section 109 (Non-Discrimination) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Section 503 (Non-Discrimination Against Employees with Disabilities) and Section 504 (Non-Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, R.S. 37:2150-2163, as amended, for all public contracts. It shall also be the responsibility of the General Contractor to assure that all subcontractors comply with this law. If required for bidding, Contractors must hold an active license issued by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors in the classification of **HIGHWAY, STREET AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**, and must show their license number on the face of the bid envelope and the Uniform Public Works Bid Form.

In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2214 (B) the City-Parish reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form, shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

Pre-bid conference will not be held for this project.

For additional information please contact Dr. Guandxiang Cheng, P.E., Project Manager at (225) 389-3192 or gcheng@brla.gov.